

**CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a called meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010, 2 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall to discuss utility rates. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

Present were: Mayor Burns, Council members Barnett, Cullars, Pope, Rainey and Tutt. Council member Eaton was absent due to family illness. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Attorney Fleming, Billing Coordinator Wendy Swann, Financial Coordinator Sherri Bailey and Administrative Assistant Kim Evans.

Visitors included: Linda Anderson, Betty Hamilton, Carrie Mae Williams, Marion Cullars, Emma B. Fanning, Hattie McManus, Ollie Rusher, Edward Franklin, Cindy R. Bounds, Rose Hall, Hattie Callaway, Rachel Moreland, Bertha Sims, Ida Jackson, Shirley Willis, Angelique Norman, Adrienne Kendrick, Vonta Cobb, Tanya Williams, Jennifer Slaton and Alice Garrard.

Mayor Burns advised those present that the purpose of this meeting was for a discussion of utility rates by council.

Council discussed the current electric rates and how they are formulated and also the fact that current city rates are lower than Rayle EMC and Georgia Power rates. Council discussed how the Purchase Power Adjustment is calculated. Council asked if perhaps all penalties could be stopped; however, that would result in cash flow issues because there would then be no incentive to pay prior to the 21st of each month. Council discussed garbage collection fees and the possibility of going to curb side pickup with extra charges if customer desires back door pickup. Council also discussed current water and sewer rates and was reminded that revenue from water and sewer rates must meet a threshold set by GEFA to cover water and sewer debt.

Electric issues were referred to the electric committee with a meeting set for Friday, February 26, 2010, at 3 PM. Other committee meetings will be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK